

L. Odom, John S. Palmer, John Parker, Billy B. Parks, George M. Pearce, Felix P. Pinnix, Francis A. Plauché, Eileen Rahm, Wallace T. Rascoe, James O. Rawls, James L. Revells, John M. Rust, Gerald D. Sanderson, Frank P. Sartori, Paul Sartori, Orvis U. Sigler; and

Joe D. Simpson, Lonell L. Smith, William H. Smith, Leroy Solice, James C. Spencer, Jackson W. Stine, James H. Stronger, Garrard M. Stump, Terry B. Trammell, Henry G. Ward, Billy R. Weeks, Thomas R. Wells, Arvis L. Wiley, Otis Wilkerson, Roger C. Wilkinson, Kenneth C. Wood, Neil A. Yarbrough.

MICHAEL A. MAZELLA, JR.

**HON. MICHAEL E. McMAHON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. McMAHON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael A. Mazella, Jr., a principal, teacher, and alumnus of the St. Ann School in the Dongan Hills community of Staten Island, New York who has touched the lives of thousands of Staten Island children.

Born and raised in Dongan Hills by his mother Lee Mazella and his father, the late Michael Mazella, Michael Mazella, Jr. was a member of the first graduating class of the St. Ann School, the former Augustinian Academy on Grymes Hill and St. John's University.

Mr. Mazella taught 7th and 8th grade classes at St. Ann School for over 17 years before becoming its first principal who was not a member of the clergy. He has served as principal for the past 22 years. Besides his work as principal and classroom teacher, Mr. Mazella has also served as a gym instructor for St. Ann's 6th, 7th and 8th grade students, the boys' varsity basketball coach, and a moderator of the St. Ann's Parish Christian Youth Organization sports program.

As principal, Mr. Mazella has worked hard to bolster St. Ann's academic programs, spearheading efforts to re-establish the school's kindergarten program and institute requirements for foreign language, art and music appreciation, and computer science. He also played a central role in the effort to secure and maintain the school's Middle States accreditation.

Principal Mazella has also supervised two major renovation projects at the St. Ann School. In 1992, the school added a wing to house a new pre-school, the computer center, a library, and a faculty room. And in 2005, in commemoration of the school's Golden Jubilee, Principal Mazella oversaw a key modernization effort that provided St. Ann students with state of the art lighting, Smart Boards, new desks and chairs, and air-conditioning.

Mike Mazella's achievements as a principal and teacher have been widely recognized far beyond the confines of St. Ann's Parish. He is the recipient of numerous awards including: Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1975, the Jack Anglin Memorial Trophy, the Maurice Wollin Award, Staten Island Teacher of the Year in 1984, the Distinguished Graduate Award in 1991 from the N.C.E.A., and the Medal of Honor from the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

In addition to his lifetime of dedication and 40 years of service to St. Ann School, Mike Mazella has been a positive influence on the lives of countless Dongan Hills public school

children, serving as a CCD program coordinator for over 30 years.

Outside of his professional life, Michael Mazella is a devoted family man, married to Pamela Smith of West Brighton for almost 40 years. He is the father of three children, Michael, Julie and Jessica and the beloved grandfather of Ryan, Justin, Erik, Georgia, and Keira.

Michael Mazella will retire from his role as principal of the St. Ann School this June when the academic year comes to a close. He will leave behind a legacy of service to St. Ann's and the larger Staten Island community, having improved the lives of thousands of children through his work as teacher, coach, principal, mentor, and role model. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Michael A. Mazella, Jr. and his extraordinary contributions to Staten Island and the St. Ann School.

HONORING THE CENTRAL CONNECTICUT COAST YMCA ON THEIR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this opportunity to rise and extend my sincere congratulations to the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary—a remarkable milestone for an outstanding organization.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has become an institution in the Greater New Haven community. What began as the effort of a small group of local businessmen has today grown into an organization with twelve branches, serving more than 75,000 people in twenty-five communities. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA offers a myriad of programs for children, families, as well as adults—continuing in their founders' vision of identifying and addressing unmet needs within the community. Although the work of the YMCA has changed over the years, from teaching English to immigrants at the turn of the 20th century to teaching values to modern day youth, they continue to provide programs and services that enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for all.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has a vision for the community—to advocate for those whose voices are seldom heard, improve neighborhoods, and build strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. From after-school childcare to summer camp and preschool programs to year-round swim lessons for all ages, the CCC YMCA offers our young people programs designed to help them develop strong foundations on which to build their future success. The CCC YMCA has created parent-child fitness classes to encourage families to exercise together, youth sports programs with parents interacting as coaches as well as cheering from the sidelines, and have most recently begun programs promoting and supporting healthy family lifestyles. The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has created an environment where families have the opportunity to spend quality time together.

The Central Connecticut Coast YMCA is also a strong partner in providing a continuum

of care to individuals and families who have become homeless. It is the largest provider of supportive housing in Fairfield County and operates the only family emergency shelter in the City of Bridgeport. In just this past year alone, they provided housing to 892 individuals, including more than 400 children. And they are providing so much more than simply shelter from the elements and a place to lay one's head. Their supportive services include case management, job training, and continuing education classes. It is through this holistic approach that so many in need are finding the resources necessary to rebuild their lives, provide for their families, and contribute to the community.

For one hundred-fifty years, the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA has been there for our children and families. Its great success would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of its Board of Directors, Managers, Trustees, staff and volunteers—past and present—who remain vigilant in their mission. Their compassion, generosity, and vision have guided this organization and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to them for all of their good work.

Today, as the Central Connecticut Coast YMCA celebrates its 150th Anniversary, I am pleased to rise not only congratulate the organization on this remarkable milestone, but thank them for the many invaluable contributions they have made which have gone a long way in shaping the very character of our community. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of continued success!

COMMENDING SISTER M. THERESE ANTONE

**HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, May 11, 2009*

Mr. KENNEDY. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the constituents of the State of Rhode Island and the students of Salve Regina University, I would like to acknowledge and commend Sister M. Therese Antone. She is currently fulfilling a fifteen-year tenure as the sixth president of Salve Regina University in Newport, and she will assume a role as the first Chancellor of the University on July 1.

Under the direction of Sister Therese Antone, Salve Regina University has impacted and improved the academic and economic vigor of the State of Rhode Island. Sister Therese has brought the issues of higher education, business ethics, healthcare and social justice to the forefront as a community leader and statewide representative. Sister Therese has been invaluable to Salve Regina University and the State of Rhode Island.

The diligent work of Sister Therese has had a profound impact on the lives of thousands. Her continued involvement and leadership at Salve Regina University will remain a paramount asset to the further development of higher education. I hereby recognize Sister M. Therese Antone for her service, achievement and dedication to the dynamic advancement of academia.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2009 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 13

Time to be announced

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider any pending nominations.

Room to be announced

9 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Philip J. Crowley, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, and Judith A. McHale, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

9:45 a.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine tourism in troubled times.

SR-253

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Economic Policy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine manufacturing and the credit crisis.

SD-538

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, focusing on preserving school choice for all.

SD-342

Judiciary

Administrative Oversight and the Courts Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine torture and the Office of Legal Counsel in the Bush Administration.

SD-226

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine problems for military and overseas voters, focusing on why many soldiers and their families cannot vote.

SR-301

10:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Daniel Benjamin, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

SD-419

Appropriations

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-124

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Homeland Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-192

2:15 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), focusing on perspectives of aviation stakeholders.

SR-253

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine small business financing, focusing on a progress report on Recovery Act implementation and alternative sources of financing.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine confronting rape and other forms of violence against women in conflict zones.

SD-419

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter M. Rogoff, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

SD-538

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Florence Y. Pan, of the District of Columbia, and Marisa J. Demeo, of the District of Columbia, both to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and David Heyman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

SD-342

MAY 14

Time to be announced

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-628

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine proposed defense authorization request for fiscal year 2010 for the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

9:45 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jeffrey D. Feltman, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs, and Robert Orris Blake, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, both of the Department of State.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Environment and Public Works

Business meeting to consider S. 1005, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States, S. 849, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions, H.R. 80, to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, H.R. 388, to assist in the conservation of cranes by supporting and providing, through projects of persons and organizations with expertise in crane conservation, financial resources for the conservation programs of countries the activities of which directly or indirectly affect cranes and the ecosystems of cranes, S. 529, to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations, H.R. 813, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse", H.R. 837, to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"; and Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution: Miles City and Vicinity, Montana.

SD-406

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine delivery reform, focusing on the roles of primary and specialty care in innovative new delivery models.

SD-430

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed budget request for fiscal year 2010 for national intelligence program and military intelligence program.

SVC-217

2 p.m.

Appropriations

Business meeting to markup proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 supplemental for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the pandemic flu.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the Middle East, focusing on the road to peace.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 1013, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture